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Dear Mr. Striso,

The one thing you didn't say about Nizer is that he is the most conscious and ~~smoothest~~ conniest liar in the world. He is to my experience, and the smoothest. He does not at all resent having it said into his teeth, nor is he embarrassed at having it proved publicly. He is entirely unscrupulous, practising all the dishonesties and other dirty rticks of the shiv debater.

We are to tape a TV show in New York 1/31. I'll be there the day before, if we can get together (I stay so busy the short times I'm there I don't even stop for lunch). I'm better prepared for him now, and the moderator will not be a Martha Dean.

Of course, he'll also be better prepared for me. But I'll not be at all surprised if he finds business keeps him elsewhere. I do not think he'll dare face me when - know what he is unless he thinks he can cook up something crooked in advances, as he did this time with that free and exculsive advance half-hour. I'm curious to know the popular reaction. The station promised to broadcast my address but didn't. The calls have been my way.

I wish I had time to look into extraneous things. I'm behind schedule on WHITEWASH III, orders for which come in daily, and I've now promised more public appearances, which take time that I feel I must take. It didn't dawn on me until too late that if he has no other reason, Nizer is not an altruist, nor is the likely to spend his valuable time just helping someone else. He is selling his new book! He prepared for that show, in a way I've never seen before. He had white ruled pads and he wrote in very large blak, crossways. The letters look an inch high from 10-12 feet away.

What you report is fascinating. but before I'd spend money that way I'd want performance. Few people are willing to die for even vast sums. Good luck with it.

Have you any connections for getting to see and hear film and tape? Can you get to what the networks have. Individual stations. Wolper: With Wolper I have in mind the footage I refer to in WHITEWASH II. They are apparently afraid to let someone who has asked for it have a look at it, yet it is in the Archives. I'd like to see what they trimmed out and some of the underexposed footage in a Movieola (this also was trimmed out but exists in the 8mm from which it came). With the net stuff, it is to find out if the interviews with the doctors actually was taken by the FBI and not returned and to get a voice tape of Oswald's plea he was a patsy.

Thanks for your compliment. Hope you survive this project!

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg